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SUBJECT:PROPOSED MEETING OF SAUDI-US SECURITY COMMISSION

REFS: (A) JIDDA 4569 (B) JIDDA 4709

1. WE CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATION REFTEL (A) THAT US
DELEGATION BE DIVIDED, WITH SPECIALIST GROUP ARRIVING FIRST
WEEK IN NOVEMBER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH WITH
SMALL GROUP OF 2-4 PERSONS ARRIVING ABOUT 10 NOVEMBER.
WE WILL INFORM YOU OF COMPOSITION OF BOTH GROUPS SHORTLY.
SUGGEST, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, THAT YOU APPROACH
SAG WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING ITS CONCURRENCE ON TIMING

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SO THAT WE MAY BEGIN TO FIRM UP OUR PLANS.

2. TEXT OF LETTER TO PRINCE TURKI FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH CONCERNING SECURITY MEETING BEING SENT BY SEPT-TEL. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY WOULD PASS TEXT TO PRINCE TURKI, INFORMING HIM THAT SIGNED LETTER TO FOLLOW.

3. RE PARA 2, REF (B), WE GREATLY APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S DETAILED COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AGENDA FOR SAUDI-US SECURITY DISCUSSION. WE WILL CABLE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THESE SUBJECTS SHORTLY. FOLLOWING PARAS LIMITED TO DISCUSSION PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING OF USMTM/SPECIALIST GROUP.

4. RE PARA 4 REFTL (B), WE UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE POINT EMBASSY HAS MADE CONCERNING LACK OF SAUDI INTEREST

IN GENERAL PROGRAM REVIEWS AS SUCH. WE AGREE THAT IN DISCUSSION OF ON-GOING PROGRAMS WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROBLEM AREAS (WHICH WE, SAUDIS, OR BOTH MAY CHOOSE TO RAISE) AND TO BE PREPARED TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS WHERE POSSIBLE. MORE SPECIFICALLY, IN MEETING OF USMTM/SPECIALIST GROUP WITH SAUDIS DURING FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER, WE SUGGEST THAT AGENDA COULD CONSIST OF TWO GENERAL CATEGORIES OF TOPICS: (1) DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO THE PLANNING AND TIME-PHASING OF MAJOR ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR ORDERLY IMPLEMENTATION OF AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY, AND JOINT SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS KEEPING IN MIND PLANNED SAUDI PROGRAM PRIORITIES, BUDGETARY PROJECTIONS, MANPOWER AVAILABILITIES AS WELL AS PROJECTED FMS DELIVERY LEADTIMES OF PLANNED HARDWARE, TRAINING AND CONSTRUCTION. THE INITIAL PLANNING FOR AN ORDERLY AND EFFECTIVE TRANSITION OF THE SURVEY REPORTS' RECOMMENDATIONS TO TIME-PHASED IMPLEMENTATION COULD AT LEAST BEGIN AT THESE MEETINGS WITH NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO TAKE PLACE LATER. MANPOWER PROBLEMS WOULD BE DISCUSSED. (2) DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS WHICH MAY EXIST AS REGARDS INDIVIDUAL ON-GOING SALES PROGRAMS, INCLUDING A CASE-BY-CASE ANALYSIS OF THE STATUS OF CURRENT OUTSTANDING FMS LETTERS OF OFFER. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING EMBASSY/USMTM RECOMMENDATIONS, BY 20 SEPTEMBER, OF PROBLEMS/QUESTIONS WHICH WE SHOULD

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BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL WITH SAUDIS.

5. WE CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, PARAS 5 AND 6 REFTL (B), AS REGARDS USMTM ACTION TO DETERMINE SAUDI VIEWS WELL IN ADVANCE OF MEETING ON PROBLEM AREAS AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION AS REGARDS DOD SURVEY AND MANPOWER.

6. DOD, IN SEPARATE MESSAGE, HAS CONCURRED IN TRIP TO

WASHINGTON BY GENERAL HILL FOR CONSULTATION IN OSD DURING WEEK OF 7 OCTOBER. DOD WELCOMES THE OPPORTUNITY TO COORDINATE PLANS AND TO HAVE BENEFIT GENERAL HILL'S VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. SUGGEST GENERAL HILL MAY WISH TO HAVE A MEMBER, OR MEMBERS, OF HIS STAFF ACCOMPANY HIM TO WASHINGTON TO WORK WITH ACTION OFFICERS CONCERNED WITH SECURITY COMMISSION MEETINGS.

7. AS NOTED PARA 1, WE WILL INFORM EMBASSY/USMTM OF OUR VIEWS AS TO COMPOSITION OF SPECIALIST GROUP AS REGARDS SPECIALITY AND LEVEL. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AS TO WHOM ON SAUDI SIDE USMTM/SPECIALIST GROUP IS LIKELY TO MEET WITH.

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